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Mr. Edward Adie,

8 Victor Avenue,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Adie:

I am returning to you this morning the book which you were kind enough to lend me. I have read it with very great interest. If it is based on genuine documents it is unquestionably a work of the first importance, but I am not sure that I feel quite convinced by the journal at the end. I am about to read an article in a French Magazine with regard to it, which I have not yet had time to go through. I have no doubt, however, that the earlier part of the book is a very accurate description of the Court of Berlin.

You may be interested to know that I asked Colonel Roosevelt last Monday night how far he thought the Kaiser was responsible for the present war, and his strong opinion is that he was merely the tool of a group of very much stronger men, though of course he came round to their way of thinking. If, however, this journal is genuine, Colonel Roosevelt's view will not be correct.

Again I must thank you for the opportunity of reading the book.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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June 4th, 1918

E. Adie, Esq.,

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Toronto.

Dear Mr. Adie:

I should have acknowledged your kind letter of May 30th, but my time has been very much occupied. I am sorry that I have not seen the New York "Times" containing the item dealing with Morgenthau's article on the Kaiser. Of course Prince Lichnowsky's Memoirs were incriminating with regard to the staff rather than to the Kaiser, but I saw a quotation from a Doctor Nulon which stated that the Kaiser himself was determined to make war. I am still inclined to think however that he was part of a machine.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 13th, 1918

H. Adie, Esq.,

The William Davies Company,

Toronto.

My dear Mr. Adie:

Many thanks for your letter and the enclosure. I am afraid that you are getting the best of the argument and that I shall have to yield any remnant of mercy that I had ever cherished for the Kaiser personally. Not that I have ever admired him very much. I had, however, a feeling that he was hardly strong enough to be guilty of such horrible disaster as the world is suffering from.

Yours sincerely,

President.